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SUBJECT: BRIEFING PAPERS FOR FUKUDA VISIT

REF: TOKYO 1978

1. I APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER OF BRIEFING PAPERS FOR FUKUDA VISIT AND WOULD LIKE TO TAKE SELECTIVE ADVANTAGE OF IT. SINCE I RETURNED FROM JAPAN, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT A NEW INTERAGENCY PROCEDURE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR WRITING VISIT-PAPERS TO THE PRESIDENT. WHILE FINAL PAPERS WILL BE SUBMITTED BY SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT, ALL WILL BE CROSS-CLEARED (AND IN SOME CASES ORIGINATED IN OTHER AGENCIES) AND ARE TO REFLECT BROAD INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT. ALTHOUGH CUMBERSOME, PROCESS IS DESIGNED TO GIVE PRESIDENT, IN ONE THIN VOLUME, CONSIDERED VIEW OF ENTIRE GOVERNMENT. (THERE WILL BE WE UNDERSTAND NO COMPETING CONFIDENTIAL

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PAPERS SUBMITTED SEPARATELY BY OTHER AGENCIES, AND NO NSC RE-WRITE).

2. IN VIEW OF THIS, AND BECAUSE WE SEE VISIT AS OPPORTUNITY FOR OVERVIEW OF US-JAPAN TIES AND MAJOR RELATED ISSUES, AND NOT FOR DETAILED NEGOTIATION OF INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS, PAPERS WILL BE BROAD-GAUGED AND RELATIVELY NON-SPECIFIC. THERE

WILL BE CORRESPONDINGLY LESS NEED FOR UP-TO-MINUTE DETAIL. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING, AS PART OF THE JOINT EFFORT, SEVERAL OF THE PAPERS YOU HAVE OFFERED, SPECIFICALLY: (A) FUKUDA PROFILE, (B) PROSPECTS FOR GOJ ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROGRAM, (C) RELATIONS WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA, (D) SECURITY RELATIONSHIP, AND (E) NUCLEAR REPROCESSING. TWO PAGES ON EACH SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT, AND IN ORDER TO KEEP PACE WITH OUR INTERAGENCY DEADLINES, THEY SHOULD BE SENT (STADIS) BY FEB 25 IF POSSIBLE.

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